

I write to express my opposition to the National Association of Broadcasters' petition 04-160, seeking to stop XM Satellite Radio from providing instant traffic and weather.

XM provides a service that I genuinely enjoy, and for which I pay. The members of the NAB, on the other hand, are dependent on commercials and advertisers to generate revenue. The NAB should not be allowed to determine, or even influence, the content of the programming I, as a private citizen, am willing to pay for the privilege of listening to. Rather than take a position that indicates they are threatened, perhaps the NAB would be better served by having its members provide what listeners want - programming - and letting the free market (the operative word being "free" rather than manipulated through rules enacted as a result of financial influence) forces determine what the public wants. I am happy to pay for the privilege of listening without commercial interruption. I urge you, in the name of freedom of expression, constitutional rights and countless similar phrases, not to take any action that limits or inhibits the programming XM provides its subscribers.